

Computations for Benefit Year Beginning July 1, 2006
(RCW 50.04.355 and 50.20.120)

Average Annual Wage
12 months ending December 31, 2005

Remuneration reported in covered employment totaled \$108,380,811,662. This divided by the average number of workers for the calendar year, 2,683,644 equals an *Average Annual Wage* of \$40,385.¹ The *Average Annual Wage* was up \$1,347 or 3.5 percent over the year.¹

Average Weekly Wage

The *Average Annual Wage* of \$40,385 divided by 52 weeks equals the *Average Weekly Wage* of \$776.¹ This was a \$26 or 3.5 percent rise from the 2004 average.

Maximum and Minimum Benefit Amounts

The *Maximum Weekly Benefit* amount for the state fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, is \$496.

(The maximum amount payable weekly is determined as either \$496 or 63% of the average weekly wage, whichever is greater.² 63% of \$776 = \$448; therefore, the maximum is set at \$496.)

The *Minimum Weekly Benefit* amount will be \$116 (0.15 X \$776).¹

Prior Year's Comparison³

	Average Covered Employment and Percent Changed From Year Ago		Total Covered Wages and Percent Changed From Year Ago		Average Annual Wages ¹ and Percent Changed From Year Ago	
2005	2,683,644	2.8%	\$108,380,811,662	6.4%	\$40,385	3.5%
2004	2,609,925	1.8%	\$101,888,533,851	2.4%	\$39,038	0.6%
2003	2,564,154	0.3%	\$99,474,686,173	2.6%	\$38,794	2.3%
2002	2,556,398	-2.2%	\$96,992,049,245	-0.3%	\$37,940	1.9%
2001	2,614,013	-0.2%	\$97,319,036,737	0.7%	\$37,229	0.9%
2000	2,619,592	2.3%	\$96,634,227,737	5.9%	\$36,889	3.6%
1999	2,561,358	1.9%	\$91,212,415,633	10.4%	\$35,610	8.4%
1998	2,514,722	3.3%	\$82,641,268,810	11.4%	\$32,862	7.8%
1997	2,434,061	5.1%	\$74,189,728,006	12.0%	\$30,479	6.6%
1996	2,315,513	2.9%	\$66,211,283,348	8.3%	\$28,594	5.3%
1995	2,249,488	2.1%	\$61,112,477,959	6.4%	\$27,167	4.3%
1994	2,203,855	2.3%	\$57,429,110,120	4.5%	\$26,058	2.2%
1993	2,155,170	1.9%	\$54,976,988,603	2.6%	\$25,509	0.7%
1992	2,114,310	1.6%	\$53,559,222,988	8.6%	\$25,331	7.0%
1991	2,082,021	0.8%	\$49,306,975,620	6.5%	\$23,682	5.7%
1990	2,066,034	6.0%	\$46,281,565,965	11.1%	\$22,401	4.8%

The above calculations are based on data compiled by the QCEW (202) Unit of the Labor Market and Economic Analysis Branch of the Employment Security Department.

¹ Data rounded as required by RCW 50.04.355 and 50.20.120

² As noted in RCW 50.20.120(3) (a) (ii)

³ Slight differences from other published data can result from the March 31 cutoff date mandated by law for computations